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SUBJ: PANAMANIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE DENIES CRITICISM OF US

REF: SAN JOSE 1279

1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MANFREDO CALLED ME IN CONSIDERABLE AGITATION TODAY AFTER READING A COPY OF MARCH 30 LA NACION INTERVIEW WITH HIM. AS REFTEL NOTED, HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN ANY TREATY ABOUT THE CANAL NEGOTIATED WITH THE US. HE WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE USED THE WORD QUOTE LIARS UNQUOTE WITH REFERENCE TO AMERICANS.

2. MANFREDO SAID HE WANTED ME AND MY GOVERNMENT TO KNOW HE NEVER SAID ANYTHING REMOTELY LIKE THE ATTRIBUTED STATEMENTS. HE SAID REPEATEDLY THAT HE HAD GREATEST RESPECT FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND FOR OUR GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS NOT QUOTE CRAZY UNQUOTE AND WOULD NEVER SAY THINGS THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE RELATIONS AND TREATY TALKS. HE SAID HE KNEW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT AMERICANS WERE QUOTE TOUGH NEGOTIATORS UNQUOTE AND THAT WAS ALL HE HAD SAID TO REPORTED IN BRIEF MEETING IN AIR-PORT LOBBY.

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3. I THANKED MANFREDO FOR CALLING ME ON THIS MATTER AND
FOR HIS DENIAL OF WHAT WERE CLEARLY QUOTE UNEHELPFUL UNQUOTE
STATEMENTS. I WAS DELIGHTED TO KNOW HE HAD NOT SAID THEM
(EXCLAMATION POINT). HE TOLD ME STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO
ASSURE THAT THIS QUOTE ERRONEOUS UNQUOTE PRESS REPORT WOULD
NOT BE PRINTED HERE.
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